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At 9:11am on Wednesday, 21st November 2018, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) Animal Welfare Officer (AWO) received a telephone complaint from Community Development Officer (CDO) _____ of Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) regarding nuisance of smell and excessive barking dogs at a home on _____ Upon DOA arrival on Thursday November 22nd, 2018 at 9:11am, contact was made with the owner, _____ and was advised of the report received. He stated that he was awaiting DOA arrival _____ attended yesterday November 21, 2018 and informed him he would notify DOA regarding the animals involved.

The AWO requested to conduct a welfare inspection of the animals. The owner consented and explained that he owned (7) dogs outside and (8) dogs inside.

The photos below provide a snapshot of the situation as observed in _____

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The AWO conducted a general conversation with the owner who stated "that [REDACTED] inspected yesterday and only told him to construct a soakaway for the waste water and will revisit in a week's time". The AWO explained to the owner that the animals inside and outside appeared to be in good body condition but would recommend him decreasing in numbers and will liaise with the DEH Officer to conduct a joint site visit.

After departing the location, the [REDACTED] was contacted and notified of the visit made by DOA and stated that [REDACTED] attended yesterday but didn't see inside the residence and made recommendations as to his findings and relayed them to the owner, with a follow-up scheduled in a couple of days.

Follow-up

On Monday 26th November 2018, at 11:05am the Department of Agriculture (DOA) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) attended the location to conduct a joint agency inspection.

The Department of Agriculture's AWO requested to conduct a welfare inspection of the animals present. The owner before granting permission questioned DOA's authority and was shown the AWO's official badge and photo identification after which consent was granted.

The owner explained that he was in possession of (18) small breed dogs on the inside of the residence, and (8) dogs around the rear of [REDACTED] property. When questioned regarding the purpose of the dogs, the owner explained that [REDACTED] previously sold the small dogs for CI \$300 each, however [REDACTED] suddenly became attached to the dogs and hence the sales came to a halt.

After the inspection, the owner was informed of the repercussions of hoarding and the various laws being breached, and voluntarily surrendered (16) of the toy breed dogs, and (7) of the large breed dogs over to the Department of Agriculture.

The animals were transported by the Animal Control Officer's (ACO) vehicle and the AWO's vehicle to the Animal Rescue Shelter (ARS).

The animals were triaged by Dr. Samantha Dorman, with the assistance of AWO Bodden and Mr. Anthony Martin (ACO). The small breed dogs were all deemed to be Shih Tzu breed types (aged approximately 8 weeks to 3 years). All dogs were identified according to their estimated breed, age, sex, and colour. All the smaller breed dogs were stained with urine/faecal water. Some of them had matted coats and (1) in particular (pictured below) had (6) large mats removed.

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A perimeter inspection was conducted, which revealed that the residents were disposing of waste water and solids from the animals to a vacant lot next door into a water source which did not belong to the owner. It should be noted that this constitutes a breach of the Public Health Law and Water Authority Law.

The AWO was unable to gain access to the inside of the residence due to several toy breed dogs inside displaying aggressive behaviour. However, observation was made from the front door of the apartment and exposed a strong smell of urine and musky hot air emitting from the inside of the residence. The AWO also noted that the floor was covered in urine and food, and all dogs appeared to be wet.

While the dogs appeared to be well-fed, they were unkempt. The apartment consists of a single bedroom which housed the dogs along with 3 adults.

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Of the (7) large breed dogs surrendered, (all mature adults), (1) was euthanised based on its prohibited breed status. Another was a heavily pregnant female who was transferred as per the DOA transfer policy to the Cayman Islands Humane Society on 27th November 2018.

On 28th November 2018, the dog pictured below was examined by _____ and found to have a chronic ophthalmic injury to the left eye which would require the eye to be removed. In the interim, the dog was prescribed with medications for pain, pressure reduction, & lubrication. Treatment commenced on 30th November 2018 once the medications had been successfully procured.

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On 27th November 2018, Must Love Dogs agreed to donate their services to the DOA for the grooming of all surrendered small dogs. This service took place between 28th November (4:30 pm-8:15 pm) and 29th November 2018 (4:00pm- 10:15 pm).

The DOA is now ready to reach out to all animal rescue/charity groups for assistance in an effort to have as many of the dogs as possible fostered or adopted into loving homes. The dog with the chronic ophthalmic issue will require twice daily medicating & an enucleation surgery estimated at CI\$650.00. Therefore, a special effort will be made to ensure that this dog ends up in a suitable home where his medical condition can be addressed appropriately & quickly.

The Animal Welfare and Control Unit will continue to visit and educate the owner/ occupants to provide them with the necessary guidance in order to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the future.

No arrangements have been made for professional counselling for the owner. The Department of Children and Family services (DCFS) will be updated of DOA findings.



Identification Sheet for surrendered dogs

Date: 26th November 2018

Number	Breed determination	Estimated Age	Sex and Description (Male/ Female, Colour)	Body Condition Score	General condition and state of physical health, temperament, etc.	Actions taken/recommendations	Photo taken (Yes/No)
1.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Female, dark brindle with white blaze	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 2/3 dental tartar on teeth. Long nails and matted paws. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
2.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	2.5 years	Female, dark brown, white blaze and left front paw	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 2/3 dental tartar, long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
3.	Shih Tzu/Chihuahua	1 year	Male (intact), tan and white	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 2/3 dental tartar, generalised matting, chronic corneal ulceration to left eye with glaucoma and decreased vision. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Needs urgent ophthalmic examination. Attempt to rehome	Yes
4.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	1.5 years	Male (intact), tricolour	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
5.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Female, dark brown	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar, significant alopecia of left flank, long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
6.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Male (intact), brown and blonde	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar, generalised matting, Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
7.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Male (intact), dark brindle with white blaze	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
8.	Shih Tzu/Chihuahua	8 weeks	Female, white and tan	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
9.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	2.5 years	Male (intact), brown	5/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
10.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Male (intact), dark brindle with white blaze	3/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Severe overbite. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
11.	Shih Tzu/Maltese	1.5 years	Male (intact), dark brined with white chest, chin, and paws	3/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Severe overbite. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
12.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	1.5 years	Male (intact), tan and white	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
13.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	1.5 years	Male (intact), tan	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes
14.	Shih Tzu	1.5 years	Male (intact), light brindle with white blaze	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Significant overbite. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming	Attempt to rehome	Yes

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15.	Shih Tzu/Terrier	1 year	Male (intact), tan and white	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Significant overbite. Long nails. Wounds around right eye. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming.	Needs examination +/- wound care for right eye. Attempt to rehome	Yes
16.	Shih Tzu	1 year	Male (intact), black and white	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. 1/3 dental tartar. Significant overbite. Long nails. Coat stained with urine/faecal water. In need of grooming.	Attempt to rehome	Yes
17.	Chow/Shepherd	?	Male (intact), tan	?	Bright, alert, and responsive. Very scared animal. Unable to approach	Allow 1-2 days to settle into shelter environment and then attempt to walk on a leash. If deemed to have an unsuitable temperament for rehoming, then euthanasia will be performed	Yes
18.	Labrador Retriever/Shepherd	3 years	Male (intact), brindle	3/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	Attempt to rehome	Yes
19.	Malinois/Labrador Retriever	2.5 years	Female, Light brown with black muzzle	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	Attempt to rehome	Yes
20.	American Staffordshire Terrier/Chow	?	Male (intact), light brown	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	Euthanised based on prohibited breed determination	Yes
21.	Labrador Retriever/Chow	3 years	Male (intact), yellow	4/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	Attempt to rehome	Yes
22.	Shar Pei/Shepherd	3 years	Female (heavily pregnant), tan	6/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	To be taken to the Cayman Islands Humane Society for puppy delivery and subsequent adoption of mother and pups following weaning	Yes
23.	Shepherd/Labrador Retriever	3 years	Male (intact), white and tan	3/9	Bright, alert, and responsive. Timid	Attempt to rehome	Yes

*Total number of euthanasias = 1



Officers responsible: (Name, Title, Signature)

Dr. Samantha Dorman, Veterinary Officer:

Mr. Erik Bodden, Animal Welfare Officer:

INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Animal Welfare and Control

Case File Number [Click here to enter #.](#)

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Date Reported: Tuesday, 05 February 2019 **Time:** 11:00am**Location of Incident:****Offence:** Animal Cruelty/Neglect State other:**Complainant:** **Address:** **Contact Numbers:** **DOB:** Click here to enter a date.**Accused:****Address:****Contact Numbers:****DOB:****Advised** **Warned** **Intended Prosecution** **Arrested** **REPORT**

It has now come to our attention, that one female shitzu still remains at this property and has since had a litter of puppies, which are now being sold for \$350 a pup. If the living conditions of these animals were found by your Department to be "untenable", can you please explain why this person still has a dog in their possession? Not only a dog, but a breeding female with puppies, and so it seems the cycle has continued.

ACTION TAKENPhotographs taken Animal Collected No one home Contact Information left Improvement Notice Served: Welfare Roaming

On Tuesday 6th February 2019 at 11:01am myself and RCIPS Community Officers namely and carried out enquiries at in regard to information.

The owner for the animals were made of the report received. AWO requested to see the animals on location the owner immediately asked "**what law governs the amount of animals someone can own in Cayman Islands**" I answered that I am requesting to check on the welfare of the animals on the location.

The owner started behaving hostile and was later warned by officers to cease his behaviour or he will be arrested for obstruction.

On the property a total of ten (10) dogs were observed seven(7) small dogs totaling(5males and 2females) and 3 Larger dogs (2males -1female) the animals observed didn't justifie claim.

AWO advised the owner to spay and neuter “**the owner replied there is nothing that compels me to do that you would want someone to neuter you**” I explained it would keep the dog healthier etc.

The location had no nuisances observed in the Public Health Law that justified me involving Department of Environmental Health.

The location satisfied me that the dogs were being kept in good condition, based on the Five Freedoms of animal welfare.

Report Closed

